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Special Schools for Child Labourers
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a)the number of special schools (Child Labour Rehabilitation-cum-welfare centres) operational in the country at present, State/UT-wie;
(b)the details of financial assistance provided and utilised by these special schools during the last three years and the current year State/UT-wise including Bihar; and
(c)the other steps taken/being taken by the Government for welfare of Child Labourers in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a): As reported by District Project Societies, at present 2847 Special Training Centres are functional in the country. The State/UT wise details are given at Annexure-I.
(b): Grant released under National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Scheme, State wise, during last three years and current year is given at Annexure-II.
(c): Government is following a multi-pronged strategy for elimination of child labour. It comprises of statutory and legislative measures, rehabilitation and universal elementary education along with convergence with other schemes for socio economic development. The Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986 has been amended to prohibit employment of children below 14 years of age in all occupations and processes. Further the amendment also prohibits employment of adolescents in hazardous occupations and processes.
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Government is implementing the National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Scheme for rehabilitation of child labour since 1988. The major objective of the Scheme is to withdraw children from work and mainstream them into formal education system. Children rescued/withdrawn from work in the age group of 9-14 years are enrolled in the NCLP Special Training Centres, where they are provided with bridge education, vocational training, mid day meal, stipend, health care, etc. before being mainstreamed into formal education system. Children in the age group of 5-8 years are directly linked to the formal education system through a close coordination with the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA).

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